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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Iáil July 2015



Molloy, Carty & McGlynn's North American Debut Concert at the GAC !

Thursday August. 6th 7:30

**Tickets are \$20 for adults and
only \$5 for children**

Matt Molloy of the Chieftains will be bringing a new super-group to the GAC. This will be the debut concert of their first ever and much anticipated US tour. In addition to Molloy, the group features the extraordinary fiddle and banjo of John Carty, and Arty McGlynn, widely acknowledged as the greatest Celtic guitar player of all time. Collectively, they have been pivotal members of many of the greatest Irish bands of the past generation, including the Chieftains, The Bothy Band, Planxty and Patrick Street. For reservations please email tmquinn@optonline.net , or phone (203) 257-8737. Tickets will be held for pick up the night of the show.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the years, the success of the Gaelic American Club has resulted from a number of members who have volunteered their talents and time to make the Club what it has become. As the Club has grown, so has the need for more individuals to step up and volunteer. There are many various types of committees dealing with many diverse activities that enables the rest of the membership to enjoy the Club. As new and young members join, we should encourage them to choose where they would enjoy volunteering their efforts. In the meantime, peruse the Newsletter, look at the various committees or activities and see where you can help as a volunteer. Many hands make the load a lot easier. Enjoy the Summer! ~ P J Carolan

NEW MEMBERS MEET & GREET ~ WED. JULY 15 6-7:30PM

Members of GAC clubs and committees will be in attendance to inform and invite our new members to become actively involved in the many GAC activities.



Join us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	July 3	<i>Outside Chance Starting at 10pm after the Fairfield Fireworks</i>
Saturday	July 4	<i>The Navels</i>
Friday	July 10	<i>Clare Island</i>
Saturday	July 11	<i>The Crickstones</i>
Friday	July 17	<i>Mike McGovern</i>
Saturday	July 18	<i>The Coracles</i>
Friday	July 24	<i>Out of the Woods</i>
Saturday	July 25	<i>McLean Avenue Band</i>
Friday	July 31	<i>The Irish Band</i>



**Lunch Served in the Pub
Saturday & Sundays 12-2:30
Throughout the Summer**

Events

JULY 4TH BBQ 12-3PM

**NEW MEMBERS MEET & GREET,
Wednesday, July 15,**

PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST DEADLINE, JULY 15

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, July 31, 6 - 9 pm**

GAC JULY 4th

**Family Picnic
12-4pm - \$12**

**JOLLY BEGGARS
In the Pub**



The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is seeking new members.
Anyone interested contact Marilyn Mitchell at 203 261- 4767

club ACTIVITIES

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

The following activities will take summer break and resume in September: GAC Bowling League, Fréamh Éireann Genealogy Group, Seniors Lunch, Set Dancing.

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed to welcome members and sign in guests (as required by CT State Law). It's a great way to meet other members. Contact Bette Leary at 203-767-0117 or betteleary@gmail.com.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

Meets Monday's 6:30 pm at First Church Congregational. Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band (475)329-0202 or visit fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org

BUSINESS DIRECTORY/ TRADES LIST

It's easy to place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at www.gaconline.org. Go to GAC Business Directory option under Membership Tab and follow the prompts to add your listing.

GOOD & WELFARE

Please notify Carol Ruddy of any births, deaths or special happenings at carolruddy42@optonline.net.

Mass cards were sent to the Families of Charlie Vaugh who passed away June 1; Julianne Kennedy who passed on June 5; and Virginia Keeley who passed on June 12. A sympathy card was sent to Susan Lyons for the loss of her father John M. Driscoll. Get well cards were sent to Jim Billings who is at home recovering from a stay at the hospital. Bernie McCoy who was in the hospital and is now at home recovering and a get well card was also sent to Peggy O'Connell Corcoran.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton 203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Saeilge

Beginners, Thursdays 6:30 PM, Cultural Room. Advanced Students, Thursdays 7:30 PM, Conversational Session, Bar's Snug.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

Irish Literature Group Monday July 20 7:30pm The Irish Literature Group is meeting on Monday, July 20 at 7:30 in the library to discuss Maeve Binchey's first novel, Light A Penny Candle. New members are most welcome! Gloria Piche 203-260-4037 .

LIBRARY

Many thanks to Peggy Corcoran for her work as Library Chair and welcome to The new chair, Mary Ellen Lyons. Library books may be borrowed from our Library for a period of 3-weeks so they are available to other members. Mary Ellen Lyons, maryellen.lyons@outlook.com.

LOST/BROKEN SCRIP CARDS

Broken or Lost Scrip Cards Individual Members: Send the broken card to us and we will send you back a new, working card. Family Members: Send us the broken card PLUS your spouse's working card. Once we know which one to replace, we will send both back to you.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, July 10 at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

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The August issue deadline is July 10. Please submit news via email to feismum13@gmail.com or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

To all our Irish Football and Hurling fans: GAA Games are televised at the club on Saturdays and Sundays. Meet up with friends and family and watch your county play!

We Love The Little Ones

It is wonderful to see the back lawn filled with little ones racing about playing football and other impromptu games. But recently some concern has risen when those fast little feet bring their energies inside and we'd like to remind our parents how important it is to keep a close eye on them, especially when in the Children's Room. We all worry that the young ones might wander out the front door into a dangerous parking lot. So just a reminder to all our parents to please be mindful of their children ~ we do love the little ones and want them safe.

Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil


In May, GAC Members participated in the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil, organized by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann ("CCE"), an international organization dedicated to the preservation of Irish culture. Tim Quinn, Chairman of the local CCE branch, wore a number of hats that weekend including volunteer, button accordion and melodeon competition moderator, and musician! The Shamrogs started the weekend with a decisive win in the Over 18 Groupai Cheoil. Representing the Shamrogs were Lori Adams, Donna Bigos, Gregg Burnett, Don Cavett, Monica Ferguson, Randi Gormley, Dave Gormley, Pat Mooney, Bill Morse, Clare Murphy Jelelian and Tim Quinn. In addition Monica Ferguson and Gregg Burnett qualified individually on two different instruments each. In the youth division, Loic Seznec, Claire Feeney, Jack Feeney, Mary Feeney, and Ellen Feeney captured 1st Place U18 Groupai Cheoil, 2nd Place U18 Bannaí Céilí (Ceili Band), and 1st Place U12 Story Telling.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Festival Raffle: Mary Begley-\$5000; Mike Donahue-\$2000; J. Fitzsimmons-\$1000 ; Tom Brown-\$500. And a huge round of applause to St. Patrick's Hurling and Gaelic Football Club for winning Sunday's match and taking home the Donnelly Cup.

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Schedule	Pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Branch
Mon & Tues	7 pm - 12 mid		
Wed & Thurs	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	
Friday	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	
Saturday	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	12 noon - 3:00 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	11:30 am - 2:30 pm

How To Reach us	
Office	(203) 254-0673
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Membership	(203) 256-0380
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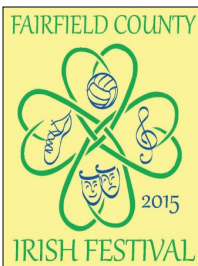
Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
	Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4) Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar		1  Full Moon	2 6:30pm Irish Language I 7:15pm Irish Language II 7:30pm 25 Card Game	3  Fairfield Fireworks Outside Chance In the Pub after fireworks	4  July 4th Picnic 12-4 with The Jolly Beggars The Navels 🎵 9 pm in the Pub
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ACTORS WORKSHOP

Clan na Gael will be running a five week Actors Workshop in The Carolan Room, on Wednesdays - August 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 from 7:30 - 9:30 . No Experience Necessary! The workshops are open to All who are interested as well as all levels of skills. Our goal is to encourage involvement in our Irish Heritage of Drama. The Workshops will mix actors, with experience, with those who would like to explore their inner actor. Workshops will include theatre games, improvisation, scene work and theatre craft, with an emphasis on peer mentoring, while expanding, laughing, learning and growing together. So ... Release your inner actor....come on down and play with us! We are a lot of fun. For further information contact opeggyo812@gmail.com.

SAVE FRIDAY SEPT 25TH

For The 100 Rising Anniversary 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. Pat O'Connell 203-644-9073 or poc6575@optimum.net.

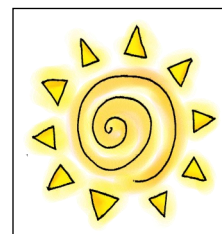


A THOUSAND THANKS

A big Thank You to the hundreds of volunteers who helped make the 27th Fairfield County Irish Festival a success once again! The Festival brings the community together for 3 days to celebrate our Irish culture through music, dance, sports and hospitality. The Festival Committee and FEILE thank all who supported the Festival in any way but particularly to our dedicated volunteers. Till we meet on the field again!

PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST DEADLINE JULY 15 @ 8pm

The contest, open to the general public, is designed to support and encourage emerging playwrights while providing a stage for scripts that might not otherwise find one. Entry Forms are available at the Gaelic American Club on the green table in the lobby. For further information and complete entry forms contact Nancy O'Neil 203-377-1070



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